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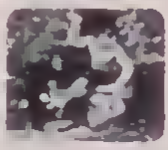

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THE MARVEL FAMILY

BATTLES THE MAN WHO SANK A CITY

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO STEP OUT OF YOUR DOOR TO MEET A DELUGE OF WATER FIVE FATHOMS DEEP? AND WHAT IF INSTEAD OF THE MAILMAN YOU WERE GREETED BY HUNGRY SHARKS? SUCH IS THE FATE THAT MENACES THE CITY OF GREENPORT AS THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY BATTLES TO SAVE IT FROM GOING DOWN IN HISTORY AS A MODERN ATLANTIS!

WHEN MARY AND BILLY BATSON SAY THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT SORCERER SHAZAM AND [illegible] FREEMAN SAYS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE THREE YOUNGSTERS INSTANTLY ARE CHANGED INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY - THE MARVEL FAMILY!

HOLY MOLEY!

MANY STREET CARS IN [illegible] HAVE BEEN RECORDED DOWN THERE [illegible] AND LOADED.

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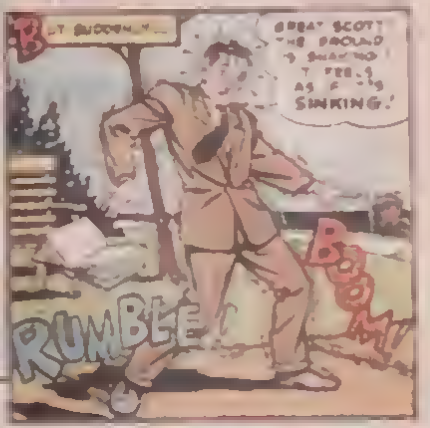
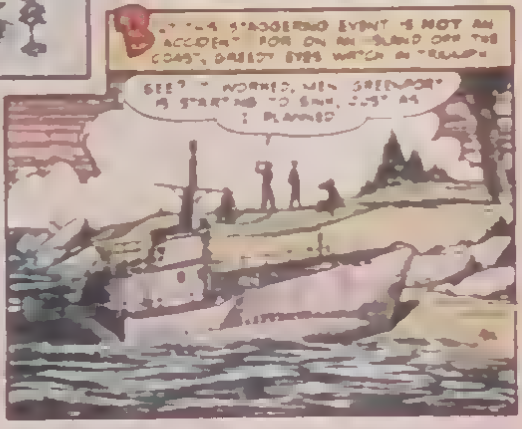
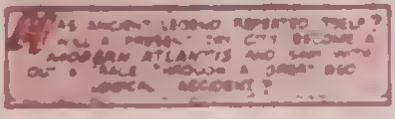
BUT THAT HAPPENED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO! SUCH THINGS DON'T HAPPEN TO MODERN CITIES LIKE THIS ONE. THANK HEAVEN!


SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT! THE GROUND IS SHAKING! I FEEL AS IF I'M SINKING!
RUMBLE!
BOOM!

SLOWLY, WITH A MAJESTIC PRIMITIVENESS, THE GREAT MODERN CITY BEGINS TO SINK INTO THE COASTAL WATERS.
HELP!
THE WHOLE CITY IS SINKING.
EEAAAA!

WE'RE SINKING RAPIDLY!
WE'LL ALL BE TRAPPED IN THE CITY LIKE DROWNED RATS
WATER IS RISING!
HELP!


SUCH A STAGGERING EVENT IS NOT AN ACCIDENT! FOR ON AN ISLAND OFF THE COAST, BARLOW EYES WATCH IN TRIUMPH!
SEE? I WORKED, MEN GREENMOOR IS STARTING TO SINK, JUST AS I PLANNED!


AS ANCIENT LEGEND REPEATED ITSELF? WILL A MODERN CITY BECOME A MODERN ATLANTIS AND SINK INTO OUR SEAS THROUGH A GREAT GEOLOGICAL ACCIDENT?

FAULT
ROCK
CAPTAIN MARVEL.
SHAZAM!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

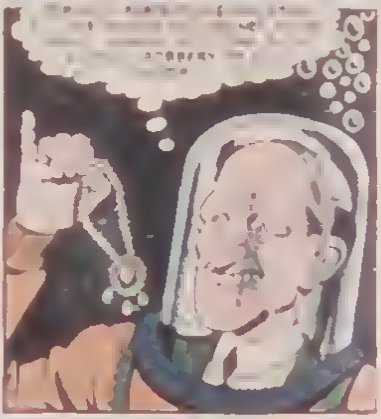
FULL SPEED WE CAN MAKE IT IN A FEW MINUTES!
BUT THIS UNBELIEVABLE HOW CAN A CITY SINK? MAYBE IT WAS A HOAX OR SOMETHING
HOLY MOLES! THE WHOLE POPULATION IS DROWNING!
HELP!
THIS IS

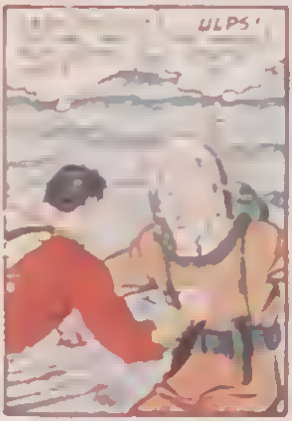
HOLY MOLEY! IT'S A GOOD THING I SAW THESE TWO TRAPPED IN THEIR CAR UNDERWATER
DON'T WORRY! YOU'RE SAFE NOW!
THE CITY IS STILL SINKING, SLOWLY BUT STEADILY SO THE WATER LEVEL KEEPS CREEPING UP AND UP. THE PEOPLE MIGHT BE SAFE ON THE ROOFS FOR MORE THAN A FEW HOURS SOMETHING ELSE HAS TO BE DONE BUT WHAT?
HOLY MOLEY!
BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL! THE WATER IS RISING STEADILY! I'LL REACH THE ROOFS IN TIME, TOO! WE'RE STILL ALL TRAPPED!
MEANWHILE, UNDER THE WATER LEVEL IN THE HERO SUMMER [illegible] THE SUB OF RUTHLESS BAD-HEARTED HOSES [illegible] ALONG!
HEY, BOSS! THE MARVEL FAMILY CAME
SO WHAT? THEY'RE PLENTY BUSY RESCUING PEOPLE WE CAN STILL GO AHEAD WITH OUR PLAN
HOLD YOUR DRIVING SUITS! WE'VE READY FOR OUR BIG [illegible]

ABOVE, CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS BEEN AN ANSWER TO HIS SILENT PRAYER!
MARY, DARLIN'! FOLLOW ME TO THE DOCKS!
THERE ARE LOTS OF SHIPS FLOATING AROUND HERE. WE CAN USE THEM TO SAVE THE PEOPLE.
GOOD IDEA!
SOON, THERE OCCURS THE MOST AMAZING RESCUE OF ALL TIME!
ALL ABOARD, FOLKS! THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOATS WE'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE EVERYONE!
NOW WE'LL FERRY YOU BACK TO THE MAINLAND. THE SHIPS ARE CROWDED, BUT IT'S ONLY A SHORT TRIP.
THANK GOODNESS FOR THE MARVEL FAMILY!
AFTER, AFTER PROVISIONS (BROUGHT BY THE MIGHTY MARVELS...
THE LAST BOAT-LOAD, WE FERRIED THE WHOLE POPULATION AWAY FROM THE DOOMED CITY.
THE MARVEL FAMILY RETURNS TO THE STRANGEST SHIP OF MODERN HISTORY
THE CITY'S COMPLETELY SUBMERGED!

SUBMARINE

JEW

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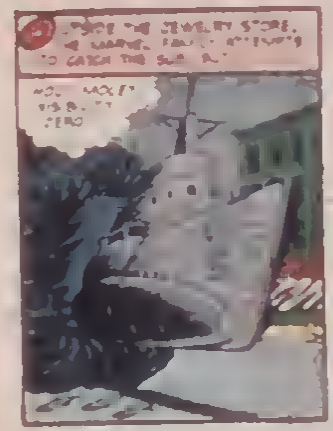
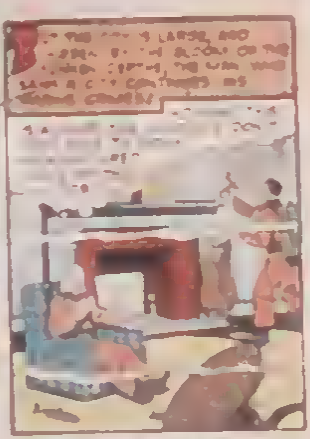
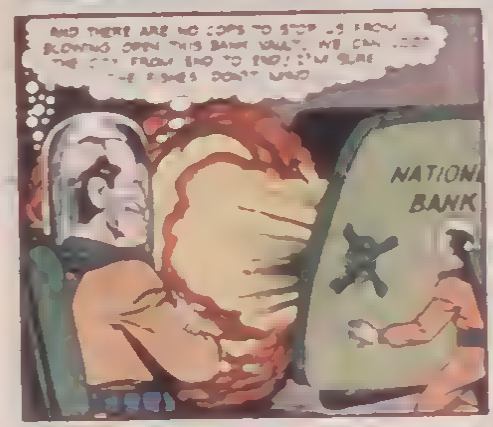
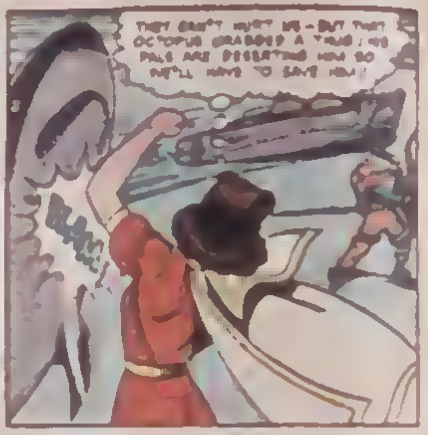




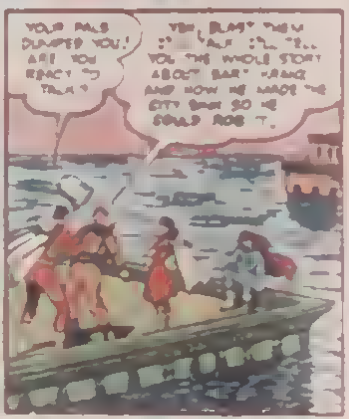

NATIONAL BANK

CITY BANK

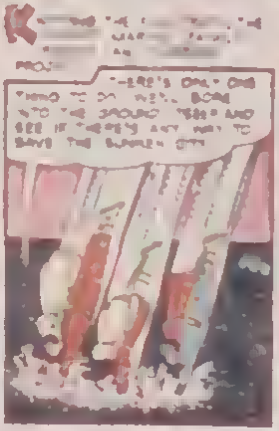
HOLY MOLEY! A GIANT SHARK AND AN OCTOPUS

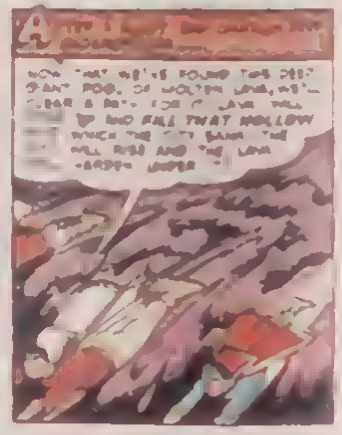

THEY CAN'T HURT US - BUT THAT OCTOPUS GRABBED A TRAIN! HIS PALS ARE DISTRACTING HIM SO WE'LL HAVE TO SAVE HIM!
BLAAM!

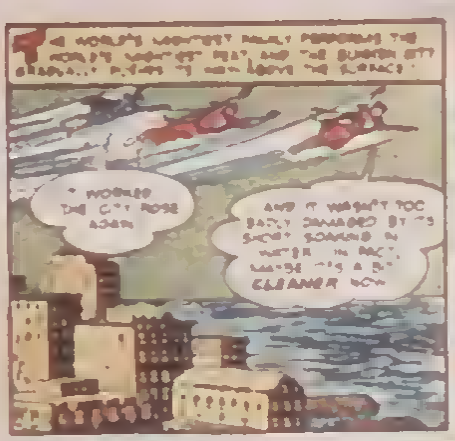
THE OTHERS GOT AWAY BUT ANYWAY, WE CAN QUESTION THIS BAT UP TO THE SURFACE
RIP!


YOUR PALS DUMPED YOU! ARE YOU READY TO TALK?
YEH, BLAST THEM! I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT BART HANCE AND HOW HE MADE THE CITY BANK SO HE COULD ROB IT.

CAUGHT

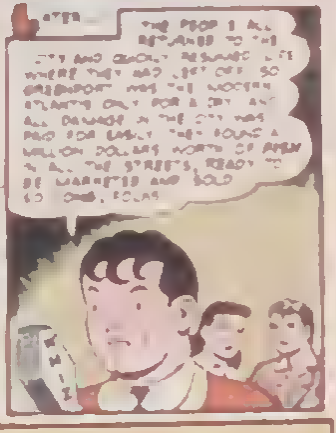

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW... BORE INTO THE GROUND HERE AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO SAVE THE SUNKEN CITY!

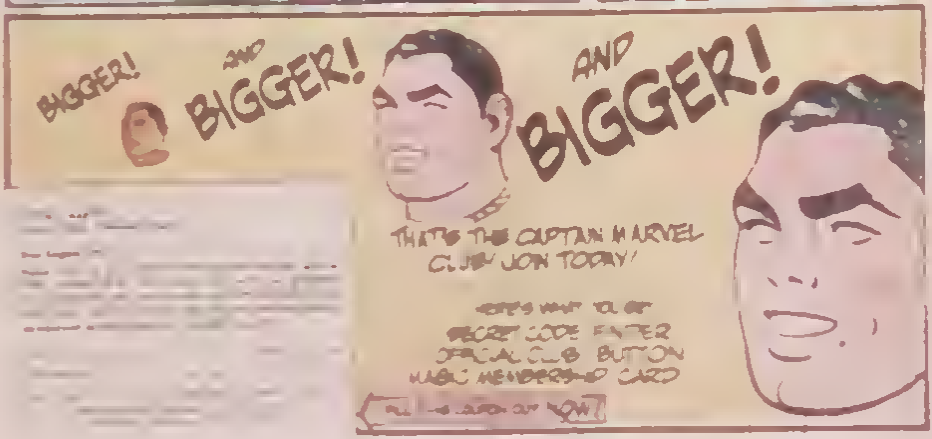

NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND THIS DEEP GIANT POOL OF MOLTEN LAVA, WE'LL DRILL A HOLE IN IT AND LET IT RISE UP AND FILL THAT HOLLOW WHICH THE CITY BANK, THE MILL RISE AND THE LAVA


THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY PERFORMS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FEAT AND THE BURDEN CITY GRADUALLY RISES TO ITS FORMER LEVEL
I WONDER THE CITY ROSE AGAIN
AND IT WASN'T TOO BADLY DAMAGED BY ITS SHORT SOJOURN IN WATER. IN FACT, MAYBE IT'S A BIT CLEANER NOW

AND THERE'S FRANK AND HIS OLD STRANGLER VINE ALL DRY AND FREE OUT OF WATER
RUN, LOVE

THE CITY IS SAVED, BUT YOU SURE ARE SUNK!
POW!
BAM!


THE PROF'S ALL RETURNED TO THE CITY AND CRACKY MESSAGE LIFE WHERE THEY HAD LEFT OFF SO BRIDGEPORT WAS THE WICKEDEST ATLANTIC CITY FOR A DAY AND ALL DAMAGE IN THE CITY WAS PAID FOR EARLY THE NEXT A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF RUM IN ALL THE STORES, READY TO BE MARKETED AND SOLD
WHEE!


BIGGER!
AND BIGGER!
AND BIGGER!
THAT'S THE CAPTAIN MARVEL CLUB! JOIN TODAY!
HERE'S WHAT YOU GET
SECRET CODE BOOKLET
OFFICIAL CLUB BUTTON
MAGIC MEMBERSHIP CARD
FILL IN COUPON AT RIGHT AND SEND IT NOW!

WEATHER
The Gazabo Gazette
PRICE
HEADLINE HARRY.. "THE GOOFY ASSIGNMENT!"

Wham!

ARE YOU ALONG ME?
YES, YOU LOOK LIKE A

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A COMIC MAGAZINE!
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CAPTAIN VIDEO

HEY GANG!
LET'S BUILD THESE ELECTRIC MOTOR POWERED MODELS! IT'S EASY WITH MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED FULL SIZE PLANS!
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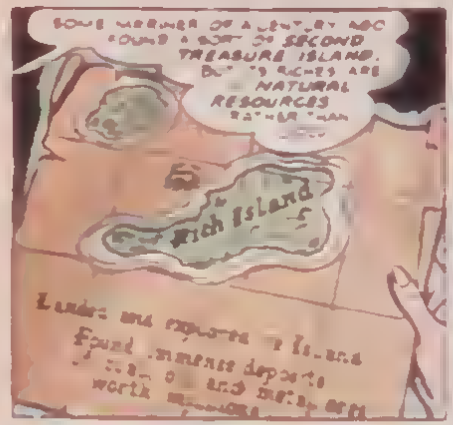
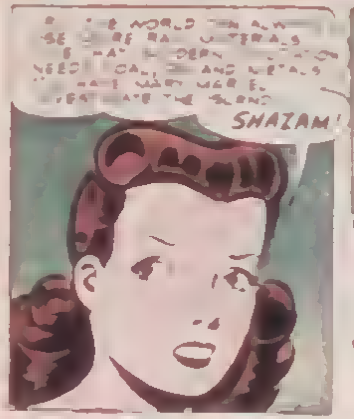
MARY MARVEL

The World's Mightiest Girl!

and THE MAGIC OF RESOURCES!


Rich Island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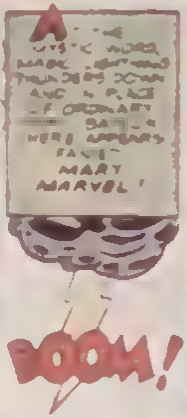

MARY MARVEL!
BOOOM!

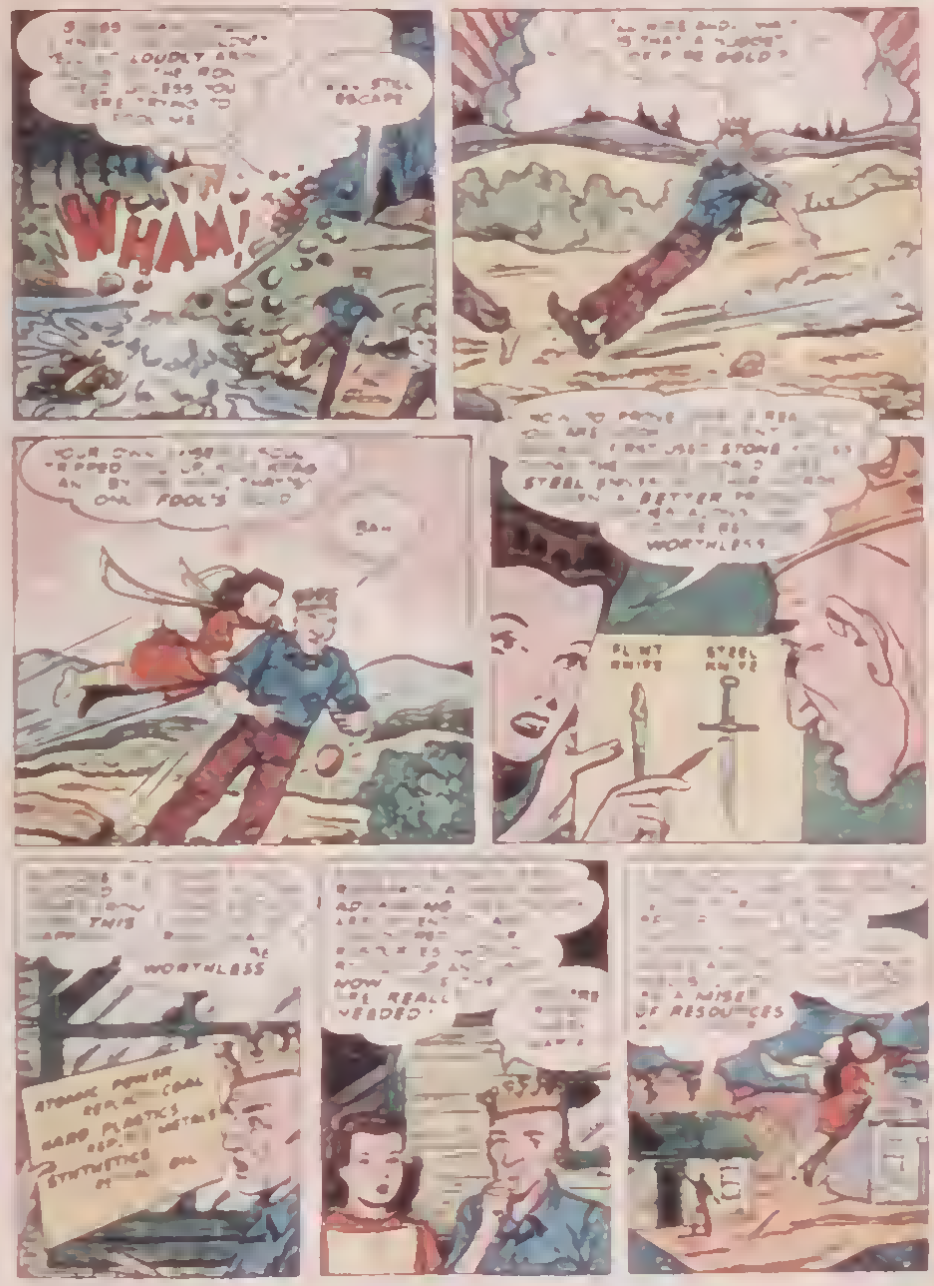
RICH ISLAND

HELP!
CRASHOOM!
STEEL

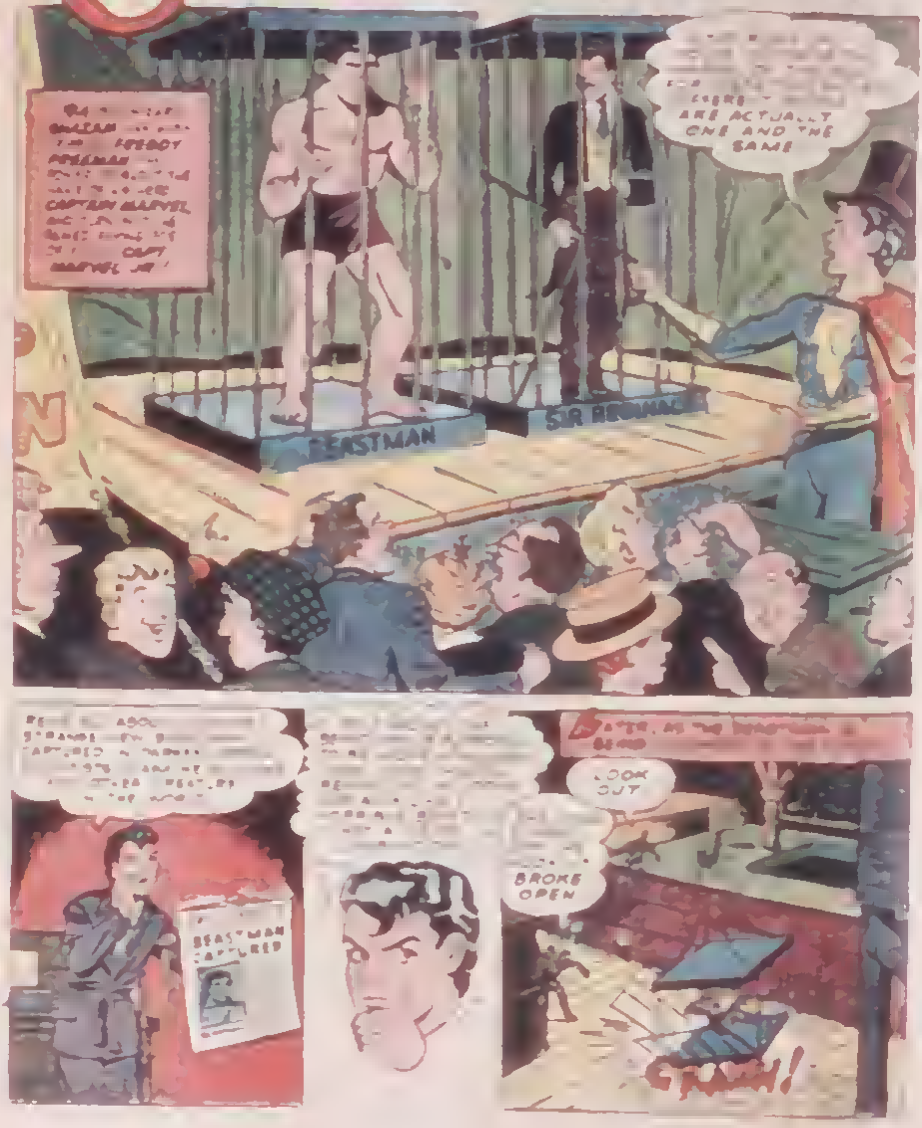
LOADED
HOLY MOLEY.
FORBIDDEN TO DIG FOR COAL OR ORES PENALTY DEATH
KING KRAG
KING KRAG
HE'S THE MISER
COAL
RCH ORE

OOF!
YAYYY!
WHEEE!
CRACK!

RUMBLE!
ROAR
YIII!
IRON WORKERS!


WHAM!
BAM
PLANT KNIFE
STEEL KNIFE
WORTHLESS
A WISE USE OF RESOURCES

CAPT. MARVEL JR. and SIR REGINALD and the BEASTMAN



RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! THE BEAST-MAN IS LOOSE!
AHRRR!
THERE HE GOES! SHOOT HE MUST NOT GET AWAY!
THEY'RE CLOSE BEHIND ME! I MUST FIND A PLACE TO HIDE
GREAT PHYSICAL CHANGES
THIS IS WHAT I NEED
GHAAAAAAAAAAA!
CAPTAIN MARVEL

I'LL TAKE MISSING BEASTMAN
BOOM!
BEASTMAN FIGHTS BACK WITH
AARRGG
SMASH
I'M STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT BUT THIS WILL QUIET YOU DOWN
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR?
I'D THINK SO THAT BEAST HAS THE STRENGTH OF A HUNDRED GORILLAS
DON'T WORRY—HE'LL SOON BE BACK IN A CAGE WHERE HE BELONGS
HMMM NOW, WHAT WAS I WORKING ON WHEN I WAS SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED?
OH, WELL, IF I CAN'T REMEMBER SO I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYTHING VERY IMPORTANT
SO ANOTHER PROFESSOR LOSES HIS BRILLIANT INVENTION TO THE WORLD OF EVIL

DAILY GAZETTE
BEASTMAN ASSAULTS BRITISH LORD
SIR REGINALD FRANKINGHAM LEAVING POLICE HEADQUARTERS AFTER BRUTAL ASSAULT
SIR REGINAL TO TELL AL IN RADIO BROADCAST

ON THE AIR
AND HERE IS YOUR CHECK FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
AHRRR!

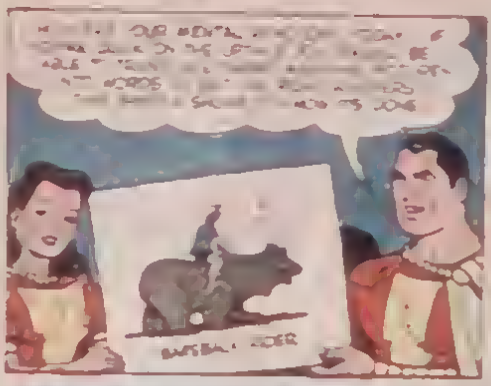
OHHH!
AHRRR!
HOLY MOLES!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BAMM!
ULP
IT'S THE BEASTMAN!
THUD!
AHRR!
POW!

OHHH!
BE KIND TO DUMB BEASTS SOCIETY

LAZY LEE

LOSING HIS SLEEP!

WHAT'S THE MATTER LAZY LEE?
NOTHING
WHAT ABOUT?
I DREAMED I WAS WORKING
NO, NO, NOTHING MATTER - I DREAM ONCE MORE I GET TO WORKING
WON'T GO TO SLEEP ANY MORE



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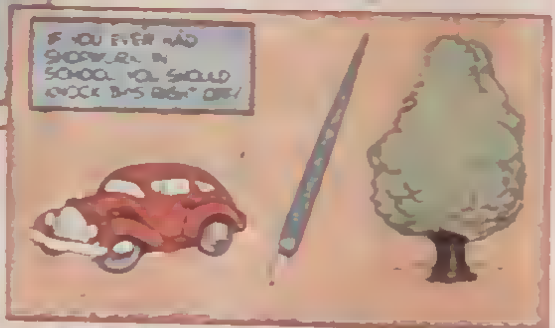
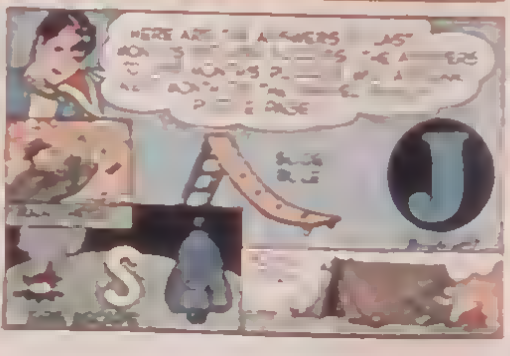


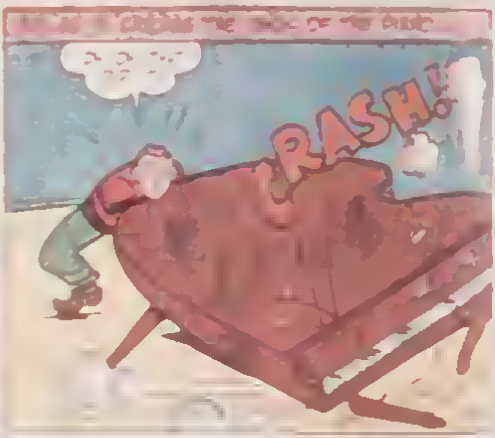


FLEER'S
BUBBLE BUBBLE
GUM HAS THAT
SPECIAL
SECRET FLAVOR
JM-M-M!

THERE'S A
Surprise
NOVELTY
IN EVERY BOX
IT'S FUN TO
COLLECT
CRACKER JACK
NOVELTIES
Cracker Jack
THE MORE YOU EAT...THE MORE YOU WANT

CAPT. KID in THE 88 KEYS TO SUCCESS!

CONK!
OUCH.


CRASH!

SPLAT
ME
READ Captain Marvel ADVENTURES IT'S THE GREATEST!

THE LAUGHING GHOST

By Morgan Tr[illegible]

BOB TRAVIS age fourteen began to regret his rash boasting of a few hours ago. It had seemed so easy then, with the sun high and the lake bright and wind-scoured. Bob had bragged quite a lot to the other fellows. So easy — to stay all night in the old house on Rocky Point. And a swell way to make twenty-five dollars, too. Heck! Everyone knew the house wasn't really haunted. Everyone except Mr. Williams, who had offered Bob the [illegible] if he'd stay one night.

Now Bob wasn't so sure. That house was [illegible] years ago — had been a real house, or an [illegible].

Mr. Williams was a [illegible] weather-beaten face of the summer people. He had a cabin further [illegible] was rather something to see. Sometimes he stopped in the [illegible] dock on the Point where Bob and [illegible] liked to hang around and listen to them. That was how the whole affair had started.

One day Mr. W[illegible] paused [illegible] and said, "There's a real tumbledown [illegible] Good foundation, though. Wonder why someone doesn't buy the wreck and fix it up. Make a swell summer [illegible] Or maybe the [illegible] — maybe it's haunted."

Skeeter Mahoney had [illegible] laughed. "Never that place," he [illegible] "We [illegible] some kids [illegible] ever [illegible] was haunted [illegible] now a [illegible]."

"[illegible] be [illegible]," Mr. W[illegible] said. "Maybe you'll [illegible] come out at night while you're [illegible] around. We'll be seeing [illegible]." And he had sped away in [illegible] cabin [illegible] cutting the water [illegible] for Canada shore.

Now remembering all this, Bob got a [illegible]. Maybe he had been a fool [illegible]. Mr. W[illegible] had laughingly promised [illegible] five dollars to the boy who stayed all night in the old house. But there was [illegible] of money.

He [illegible] one of the sagging glassless [illegible] with the night. A [illegible] up rain as shooting. Already the [illegible] was obscured by a greasy [illegible] hanging like funeral draperies over the lake. The water looked black, cold and [illegible]. Soon there would be [illegible] there would be [illegible] tonight. [illegible] Wind shook at the old house shaking it as a shaggy dog shakes a rat [illegible] to knock it down to kindling and destroy it. Bob [illegible] a cold gust of the wind. For a moment time [illegible] was somewhere [illegible] cold [illegible] here on the Point. He tried hard not to [illegible] the sound he had been expecting — if [illegible] been a sound.

Instead he went back to the corner he had prepared, facing some old planks and a blanket. There [illegible] and a rat. Bob sat [illegible] once again [illegible] of the quaking [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] brought his thoughts back to the [illegible] was going to get [illegible] looked [illegible] the gang coming to see [illegible] eyes [illegible] like [illegible] window [illegible] shall [illegible] When a beautiful [illegible] came [illegible] saved the [illegible] enough. He [illegible] to get that [illegible].

He thought of Mom and Dad [illegible] they were getting along [illegible] lucky for [illegible] they had [illegible] weekend [illegible]. Dad would never have [illegible] enough [illegible] Way back he would [illegible] Dad [illegible] him under [illegible] new [illegible] he wanted [illegible] little [illegible] would [illegible].

Bob stopped the [illegible] Gosh — was [illegible] night [illegible] when [illegible] wrapped [illegible] the [illegible] people [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Silence. Dark inky unbearable silence. Then again the sounds, as though something was dragging itself across the floor above him. *Slither — slither — slither*

Some animal Bob thought suddenly. Last week some farmer saw a [illegible] here. That's what it is — some animal.

The thing upstairs began to laugh [illegible] and all over the sound of [illegible] like a demon. It laughed and laughed.

Ha-hah — ha-hah — hoooo — hoooooooo

Bob's spine turned to ice. Cold [illegible] ran along it's stalk. He wanted to run, to get away to fling himself [illegible] and the stormy night, but his feet would not obey him. What was really upstairs he didn't know or care. Maybe it was a ghost or an animal, or even a man. At that moment it was all the same. He must get away or he would die from the horror, and never [illegible]

Steps on the stairs now. Dragging something. Moaning sounds. Someone [illegible] coming downstairs. Coming [illegible] Bob made a desperate effort to [illegible] freezing fear. He leaped to his feet, started through the darkness [illegible] then he felt the floor giving. The sagging [illegible] floor. A board snapped beneath [illegible] sharp pain [illegible] agonizing pain. Bob sank to the floor, [illegible] knew he could [illegible]

The thing whatever it was reached [illegible] bottom of the stairs and paused. Bob held his breath, dared not hardly breathe. He [illegible] breathing. He [illegible] trying to see what was moving [illegible] There was [illegible] the moaning [illegible] and again the [illegible] But something was standing over there [illegible] the thing stank.

Suddenly there was a [illegible] B [illegible] always been a [illegible] and there were [illegible] now striking [illegible] the wind. The [illegible] the thing came [illegible] that terrible [illegible] knew [illegible] and it was looking [illegible] — if [illegible]

It left something [illegible] pocket and [illegible] that it was useless. [illegible] a window [illegible] made for [illegible] and maybe [illegible] the [illegible] grace.

[illegible] again. Scraping [illegible] coming nearer. A [illegible] whistle. A face was [illegible] with — or was [illegible]

all? The cry of the loon was a pitiful lonely thing. Often at night, it had put shivers up Bob's back. And this thing that moved this whatever it was that was creeping up on him could be scared maybe a loon whistle could. It was worth a chance. Bob put the [illegible] wonder what a [illegible] knew he'd

The sound [illegible] room. A [illegible] as the other sound [illegible] a sad [illegible] sound rose and [illegible] dying and rising high and [illegible] one. Bob knew [illegible] farmer [illegible] were a ghost away he was going [illegible]

Suddenly [illegible] "What's that. What are you [illegible] Get away [illegible] hear. Get away [illegible] L— leave me alone I was [illegible]

There was a [illegible] A dog banged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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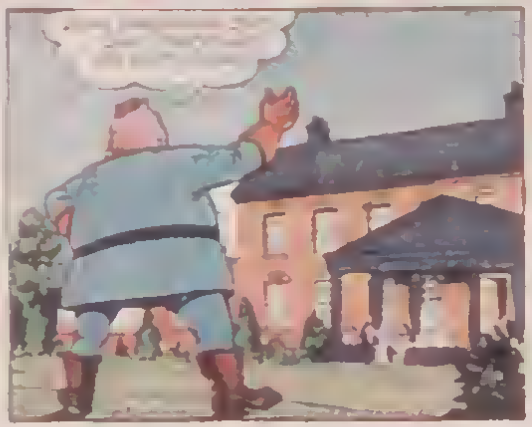
FIGHTS THE GOVERNOR OF SPACE
CAPTAIN MARVEL
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK GOVERNOR
PEACE AND WELCOME—THOSE ARE OUR
HEAR! HEAR
BRAVO

SUDDENLY THERE IS A DRAMATIC INTERRUPTION
MAKE WAY FOR THE GOVERNOR OF SPACE!
CRASH!
NOT HUMAN!
SHAZAM!
BOOM!

: MAKE A MOTION YOU TWO FLATTEN OUT!
WHAM!
BAM!
NOW WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? WHERE ARE YOU FROM? AND WHAT'S ALL THIS RIDICULOUS NONSENSE ABOUT BEING THE GOVERNOR OF SPACE?
NONSENSE! LISTEN TO MY STORY FOOL
MY HOME WORLD IS FAR AWAY AT THE OTHER END OF THE GALAXY! I CAME EXPLORING IN MY SPACE SHIP TO THIS UNKNOWN PART OF THE MILKY WAY
"I WAS COMMISSIONED BY OUR EXPLORATION BUREAU TO SEARCH FOR NEW WORLDS IN THIS VICINITY. I AM AUTHORIZED TO TAKE OVER AS GOVERNOR ON ANY NEW WORLD!
"SOON I FOUND YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM...
...AT LAST, I HAVE FOUND A SUN WITH NINE PLANETS! I HEREBY LAY CLAIM TO ALL THESE WORLDS BY RIGHT OF DISCOVERY! THEY ARE MINE TO GOVERN AND EXPLOIT!
"THAT SEEMS TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT WORLD! OUR TELESCOPES SHOW PEOPLE THERE! LAND AND AT WILL TAKE OVER
: GOVERNOR KOOBLAH TAKE OVER THIS WORLD AND SOLAR SYSTEM.

OF YOU GET OVER BY LANDS!
THE NATIVES HERE ARE A LOW ORDER OF SAVAGES
RAY HIM DOWN THESE SUBNORMAL BARBARIANS MUST BE TAUGHT IMMEDIATELY WHO IS BOSS.
SAP!
THE UNITED NATIONS MEETINGS READY TO BEGIN AND
WE CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR SIMPLE LANGUAGE THROUGH THE EMPATHY HMMM IT SEEMS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION ON EARTH SO WE WILL GO AND REFORM I AM HERE TO TAKE OVER
THAT'S THE STORY AND ME ARE YOU WILL BOW ME
OH NATURALLY
UGH! PLANNING STRIKE MEN SHOOT HIM HIM
BAM
BUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL SHAZAM TO HARM ANY INHABITANT OF THIS PLANET
ZAP!
CRACK!
WELL BLAST THAT SUPPORTING PILLAR TO BITS I WONDER DIVERT HIS ATTENTION
ZAP!

HELP!



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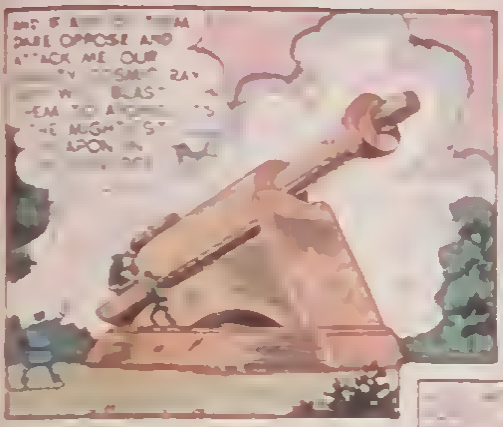

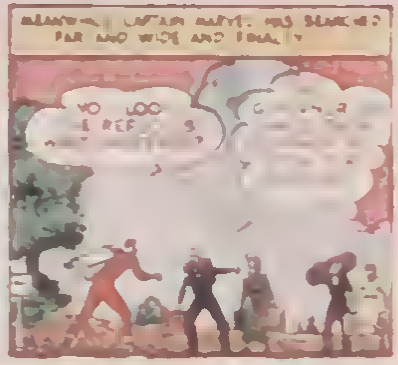

BOOM!

BUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL QUICKLY RECOVERS AND...
WHAM!

BOOM

SHAZAM!

BOOM!
BUT IT HAS ALSO RETURNED CAPTAIN MARVEL TO THE FORM OF BILLY BATSON AND...
THE UN AIR FORCE IS ATTACKING THE MANSION NOW! CAN THEY DEFEAT
DESTROY THE WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM!
WELL SWEAR AWAY UNDER COVER OF THE DARKNESS! THEY'RE BOMB DOWN THE MANSION, BUILDING YOU BUT I'LL BE OUT IN THE ASTEROIDS WRECKING ALL YOUR PLANES!
G-GULP CAN HE REALLY DO IT?
BOOM!
BUT THE UN BOMBERS ARE STILL AT WORK THE NEXT BOMB MAY HAVE MY NUMBER ON IT... WAIT! GLASS AND SPLINTERS ARE FLYING AROUND AND
SHAZAM!
BOOM!
BLAM!
BUT OUT AMONG THE COUNTLESS ASTEROIDS FAR FROM THE SUN...
HERE AT LAST NO SIGN OF ASTEROIDS AND MARS SEE, SPACE SO WIDE

BUT MEANWHILE CAPTAIN MARVEL MAKES A SWIFT TRIP TO THE SUN
AND SOON BACK IN THE ASTEROIDS WITH HIS MINIATURE SUN.
"HERE WE PUSHING THIS ASTEROID"
BUT THE INTENSE GLARE OF THE SUN-MATTER BLINDS THE PILOT AND
SMASH!
AND SO FOLKS THE UN GOES ON LEADING EARTH TO HARMONY AND PEACE NO GOVERNOR FROM SPACE OR OTHERWISE IS EVER GOING TO ROB US OF OUR FREEDOM

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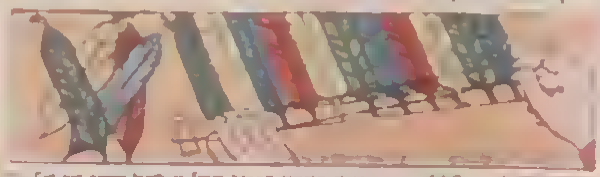

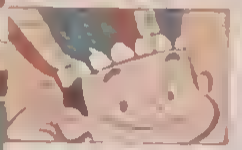

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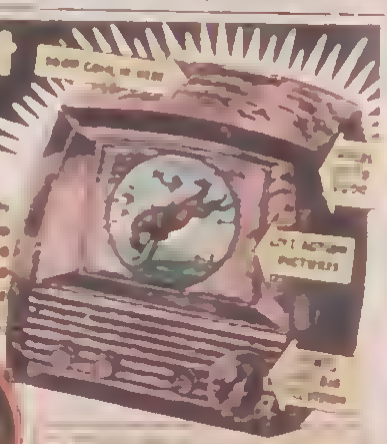

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